Subject: Message to U.S. Citizens Regarding the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit March 26-27, 2012.

This Message for U.S. Citizens is to remind Americans living in or visiting the Republic of Korea that the Nuclear Security Summit is scheduled to take place March 26-27, 2012. Please disseminate this message to U.S. citizens in your organizations or to other U.S. citizens you know.

The Embassy informs U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in South Korea about increased public safety and security measures that will be in place during the Nuclear Security Summit (NSS), which will be held in Seoul March 26-27, 2012. More than 50 heads of state and many representatives of international organizations will participate in the summit. You should expect increased security measures and restrictions during the summit, especially near the main venue, the COEX convention and exhibition center in Samseong-dong, Gangnam-qu. The convention center portion of the COEX complex will be closed to the public March 26-27. Beginning on March 25 you should expect traffic congestion and possible delays within a 2-kilomter radius of the COEX due to enhanced security protocols related to the summit. Official motorcade operations may also cause intermittent delays along unspecified routes on city roadways. Travelers could experience heightened scrutiny at airports and other ports of entry.

The U.S. Embassy recommends that if you are not directly involved with the NSS you should avoid the COEX area, and more generally, any areas where there are large civic gatherings and increased police presence, since even peaceful demonstrations have the potential to become violent. Stay alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say about local conditions.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in South Korea are encouraged to enroll with the Embassy through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website: https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll in person at the U.S. Embassy. Enrollment is a voluntary way of telling us that you, as a U.S. citizen, are in Korea, whether for a long-term stay or for a short visit. In the event of an emergency, we use enrollment information to communicate with you. This could include a family emergency in which relatives in the United States request that the Embassy contact you.

For the latest security information worldwide, U.S. citizens should regularly monitor the State Department's website at http://travel.state.gov where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States, or, for callers from outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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